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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 6, 2002 in the above-identified application.

Applicant herewith elects, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-7. Applicant traverses on the grounds that independent Claims 1, 8, and 12 recite an oral drug delivery composition comprising a chromone. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that all of the claims can and should be

examined together that the Examiner will necessarily search for and evaluate the subject matter of Claims 8-29 in conducting the examination of Claims 1-7.

Respectfully submitted,

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